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TAGS: PFOR, MARR, MASS GR, US
SUBJ: U.S.-GREEK DEFENSE COOPERATION: POSSIBLE EX-IM LETTER

REF: ATHENS 4223, STATE 162276

1. MFA DIRECTOR-GENERAL TZOUNIS, WHO INTERRUPTED A THREE-WEEK VACATION TO RETURN TO ATHENS FOR HIS FRENCH COUNTERPART'S VISIT, PHONED ME THIS MORNING, JULY 25, TO ASK ABOUT STATUS OF EX-IM LETTER WHICH HE HAD DISCUSSED EARLIER WITH ME HERE AND HARTMAN IN LONDON (REF A). TZOUNIS SAID GOG WAS EXPECTING TO INITIAL AGREED TEXT OF U.S. LETTER OFFERING EX-IM CREDIT ON JULY 28 WHEN DCA IS INITIALED. I INTERRUPTED TO OBJECT THAT WE WERE NOT YET AT THAT STAGE AND THAT, WHILE WE BELIEVED SUCH A LETTER COULD EVENTUALLY BE PRESENTED, IT WAS NOT PART OF DCA PACKAGE. FURTHERMORE, I SAID, SINCE WHOLE IDEA AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED TO ME BY TZOUNIS HAD BEEN TO PARALLEL WHAT TURKS CLAIMED TO HAVE RECEIVED FROM U.S., THERE SEEMED NO POINT IN RUSHING EX-IM LETTER UNTIL WE WERE PREPARED TO REVEAL PUBLICLY WHAT IS IN U.S.-GREEK DCA; ALL WE WILL ANNOUNCE ON THURSDAY IS THAT DCA HAS BEEN INITIALED AD REFERENDUM. TZOUNIS RESPONDED THAT EVEN THOUGH EXISTENCE OF EX-IM LETTER WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL LATER, GOG WOULD LIKE AGREEMENT ON LETTER TO BE COMPLETED AT SAME TIME DCA IS INITIALED.

2. I SAID WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF
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EX-IM LETTER JULY 28, BUT I WAS NOT AT ALL SURE WASHINGTON STAFF WORK HAD BEEN COMPLETED. I PROMISED TO CHECK WITH DEPARTMENT AND PHONE HIM BACK.

3. AFTER TALKING AROUND THE SUBJECT WITH MORTON ON GREEK DESK, I PHONED TZOUNIS BACK TO SAY THAT WASHINGTON'S UNDERSTANDING WAS SAME AS MINE, I.E. WE WANTED TO HELP GOG WITH ITS COSMETIC PROBLEMS OF

PRESENTATION BUT DID NOT CONSIDER EX-IM LETTER PART OF DCA PACKAGE. I TOLD TZOUNIS WE WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE SOMETHING ON THIS SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION JULY 28, PERHAPS EARLIER, BUT COULD NOT PROMISE LETTER WOULD BE READY IN FINAL FORM.

4. TZOUNIS BACKED OFF A BIT FROM HIS MORNING POSITION AND SAID MY PROPOSAL WOULD PROBABLY BE ALL RIGHT; HE WILL CHECK IT WITH BITSIOS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT OF PROPOSED LETTER AND GUIDANCE ON HANDLING ISSUE.

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NOTE BY OC/T: DISSEMINATION COORDINATED WITH MR. GUNDERSEN, S/S-O.

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